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SUBJECT: KIM IL-SUNG'S VISIT TO PEKING

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SUMMARY KIM IL-SUNG'S VISIT, COMING AS ASIA COMMUNISM'S GREATEST VICTORY SINCE 1949 IS BEING CELEBRATED, PROVIDED THE PLATFORM FOR A SHOW OF SINO-KOREAN SOLIDARITY IN FACING THE FUTURE OF THE AREA. SIHANOUK, HEAVILY VISIBLE THROUGHOUT THE FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, CAME IN FOR HIS SHARE OF PRAISE ALONG WITH THE PRG AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. NOTICABLY LACKING WAS ANY PRAISE FOR OR EVEN MENTION OF HANOIA AND ITS ROLE IN INDOCHINA. THERE ALSO SEEMED TO BE AN UNDERCURRENT OF ANTI-SOVIET SENTIMENT. IF THE VISIT WERE HURRIEDLY DECIDED UPON (REF A), THE TIMING BECOMES EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT AND POINTS STRONGLY TO A SINO-KOREAN SOLIDARITY AND SUMMITY TO CONSIDER THE NEW SITUATION IN ASIA AND MOVE RAPIDLY TO FURTHER THEIR

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OWN INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. KIM IL-SUNG ARRIVED IN PEKING TO RECEIVE A MASSIVE AND TOP-RANKING WELCOME. HIS VISIT OPENED AT THE SINO-KOREAN BORDER WHERE HE WAS MET BY A DELEGATION HEADED BY FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA. AT PEKING, THE WELCOMING WAS HEADED BY HIS HOST FOR THE VISIT, SENIOR VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ACTING ON BEHALF OF MAO, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND THE GOVERNMENT. KIM'S FIRST STOP WAS A CALL ON CHAIRMAN MAO, WHO APPARENTLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO PEKING FOR THE OCCASION. THE FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES WERE CAPPED BY THE USUAL BANQUET WITH AN ALL-STAR CAST HEADED BY PARTY NUMBER THREE WANG HUNG-WEN AND POLITBURO MEMBER YEH CHIEN-YING BUT WITH TENG TAKING OVER SPEAKING DUTIES. PROMINENTLY FEATURED THROUGHOUT THE FIRST DAY OF THE VISIT WERE PRINCE SIHANOUK AND PENN NOUTH, WITH THE GRUNK VICTORY RECEIVING TUMULTUOUS ACCLAIM.

2. IN HIS BKNQNET SPEECH, TENG, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR KIM'S PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION PROPOSALS, WARNED THE US IN A LOW-KEY MANNER OF ATTEMPTING A "TWO-KOREAN" POLICY, WHICH IS IN VAIN. AFTER POINTING OUT THAT KIM AND HIS REGIME "WERE THE FIRST TO DEFEAT US IMPERIALIST ARMED AGGRESSION" TENG ACCLAIMED THE GRUNK VICTORY AND CONGRATULATED THE PRG AND SOUTH VIETNAM PEOPLE, AS THE "BEST PROOF" OF THE ROLE OF THE THIRD WORLD AS THE MAIN FORCE STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND HEGEMONISM. TENG SAY THIS STRUGGLE IN NORMAL PRC TERMS OF ARISING FROM SUPERPOWER CONTENTION. ASIDE FROM SHORT REITERATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, TENG DIRECTED HIS SPEECH TO KOREA, THE MARXIST-LENINIST AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALIST BASIS FOR SINO-KOREAN FRIENDSHIP AND EFFUSIVE PRAISE FOR THE TWO GREAT LEADERS, MAO AND KIM.

3. KIM IL-SUNG SPEECH AVOIDED SABER-RATTLING BUT INSTEAD IMPLIED THAT THIS WAA A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER MOVES TOWARDS ESTABLISHING AN ASIA FREE OF FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE. HE TOO PAID CREDIT TO SIHANOUK AND THE GRUNK VICTORY, SPOKE OF HIS "SIGNIFICANT MEETING" WITH CHAIR-MAN MAO, AND PRAISED BOTH SINO-KOREAN FRIENDSHIP AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CHINA'S ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER MAO. KIM EPXRESSED HIS VIEW OF THE "GREAT REVOLUTIONARY TRANSOFRMATION" TAKING PLACE IN ASIA SINCE WORLD WAR II WITH COLONIALISM DISAPPEARING AND US IMPERIALISTS ON THE DOWNHILL.

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4. KIM'S PRIMARY INTEREST WAS KOREAN REUNIFICATION. KIM PREDICTED WAR IF ROK RULERS CONTINUE TO SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE, IF REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN SOUTH KOREA, OR IF THE ROK "IGNITES WAR RECKLESSLY". IN SUCH A WAR, KIM CLAIMED HE WOULD "ONLY LOSE THE MILITARY DEMARCACTION LINE AND WILL GAIN THE COUNTRY'S REUNIFICATION". WAR OR PEACE "DEPENDS, IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE US". KIM CALLED FOR THE US, IF IT REALLY DESIRES PEACE, TO "STOP INSTIGATING THE TRAITOROUS FORCES REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE", NOT INTERFERE IN THE PEOPLE'S ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC REGIME, AND "DESIST FROM ITS AGGRESSIVE AMBITION TO RIG UP TWO KOREAS". IF US TROOPS PULL OUT OF SOUTH KOREA (ALTHOUGH KIM DID NOT SPECIFY ANY TIMEFRAME) AND "A DEMOCRATIC FIGURE WITH A NATIONAL CONSCIENCE COMES INTO POWER IN SOUTH KOREA", KIM "GUARANTEED" A DURABLE PEACE IN KOREA AND SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION OF KOREAN REUNIFICATION.

5. THE MOST NOTABLE ABSENTEE FROM THE ALL-STAR PRC WEL-  
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COMING WAS PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, SUGGESTING THAT HE IS INDEED ILL, EITHER PHYSICALLY OR POLITICALLY. ANOTHER NOTABLE ABSENTEE WAS LI TEH-SHENG, WHO AS MILITARY REGIONAL COMMANDER SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN KIM'S WELCOME AT THE SINO-KOREAN BORDER.

6. PRELIMINARILY, WE VIEW KIM'S VISIT AS A SUMMIT MEETING FOR THE CHINESE AND KOREANS TO DETERMINE WHAT THE NEW POWER RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN ASIA MIGHT BE AND HOW BEST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. THE LACK OF MENTION OF HANOI, THE UNDERCURRENT OF ANTI-SOVIETISM, COUPLED WITH PRAISE OF SIHANOUK AND THE PRG SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED SINO-KOREAN COOPERATION THROUGHOUT ASIA. RUMORS THAT KIM WILL PROCEED ON TO OTHER COUNTRIES FROM PEKING COULD DRastically CHANGE THIS PERCEPTION, EXPECIALLY IF MOSCOW AND/OR HANOI ARE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA.  
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